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	Art Unit	1639
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on November 25, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other \$375.00 Check, Postcard

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-3405

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

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